



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 22

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has celebrated international women's day with us by wearing purple, donating cakes and giving examples of women who are inspirational from around the world and the impact they have made. It was wonderful to hear how many inspirational women we have in the community and in our children's families.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Prendergast back next week after the safe arrival of his baby girl. We know Mr Prendergast will share lots of pictures and stories with us next week so that we can all celebrate this addition to the Palmer family.



We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and we hope you get the opportunity to read a book with your child (don't forget to post a comment on GoRead).

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Reminders

Parking

Once again can I remind parents to be considerate when parking near the school and ask specifically not to park cars on the pavement near the school gates. Parking that causes an obstruction and creates the need for others to walk in the road to pass is simply not safe. Thank you.

Parents Evening 21st and 22 March 2022

Bookings are now open, please book through your Arbor account or contact the school office before 17th March.

Children collection and drop off

We have noticed pupils being dropped off at school at 8am, please be advised the school day is 8:40am-3:15pm. Please do not leave your child/children unattended in the carpark.

Red Nose Day- Friday 18th March

We invite the children to wear Red in aid of Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March for a donation of a £1

Job Opportunities with Caterlink:

- Kitchen assistants 10-16hrs per week
- Chefs 25-30 hours per week (experience required)
- mobile kitchen assistants (must drive and own car – mileage paid)

Anyone interested can email Jane Bateson on jbateson@caterlinkltd.co.uk providing their details including their telephone number.

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

In Nursery over the past 2 weeks the children have enjoyed watching the chicks hatch and grow. The eggs were labelled 1 to 10 and we all voted for the one that we thought would hatch first. Egg number 3 hatched last Wednesday just after the children had gone home but luckily Mrs Hamblin caught it on video and sent the video to all the children via Tapestry. This week the children have enjoyed holding the chicks.



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

This week, Year 2 have set up an experiment to test the growth of plants under different conditions. We spent some time exploring the life cycle of a plant and learned that they need air, water and light to grow. We wanted to find out what would happen if the plant has no light or no water. Hopefully we will see some results soon! In Maths, we started our topic of fractions. We LOVED using chocolate hoops to share our whole number into equal groups. We are starting to become confident in recognising halves, quarters and thirds. For International Women's Day, we studied Amelia Earhart. She was a famous aviator who was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean solo. What an achievement!



What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

We have had a very fun packed week in Year 4 with lots of different lessons! In English, we are exploring a historical narrative set in Roman Britain! We have used a model text to inspire our writing and we thought about how the

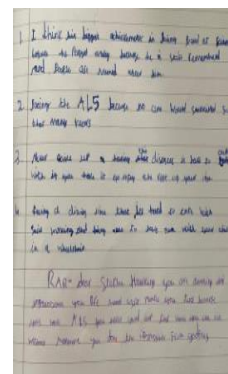
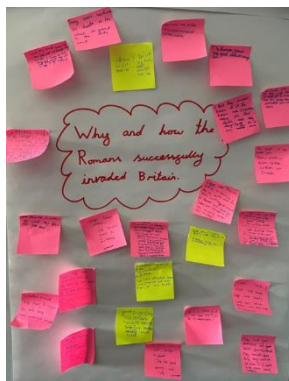
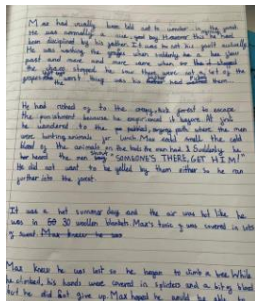
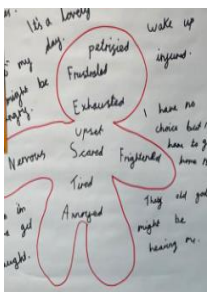
character would be feeling and what he may be thinking throughout different parts of the story. We then innovated some elements of the story to create our own historical narrative! Take a look at our thoughts and feelings poster and some of our writing below!

In History, we are also learning about the Romans! We discussed how and why the Roman invasion of Britain was so popular and then gathered our thoughts with post it notes. We then were introduced to our Powerful Person for this unit... BOUDICA! A woman who stood up to the powerful Roman Empire and led her armies into battle. We explored different representations of her and then wrote our impression of her- you can see this learning below.

In Science, our powerful person is the late, great Stephen Hawking (who also happens to be one of our House Teams) we learned about Hawking's extraordinary life and the many challenges he had to face and overcome. Please see our learning below!

We are now just months away from our government timetable check! Please keep learning your tables (all the way to 12x12) as the test requires 100% to pass. If you would like any more information on this please email

year4@thepalmeracademy.com 😊



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

What a week! Year six have been working really hard in Maths. This week they have been looking at area, perimeter and volume – improving their accuracy lesson on lesson. Not only that, they have also started to learn about angles alongside this in an additional afternoon lesson and have demonstrated that they can recall prior learning to support them. Please review this topic by completing the homework on MyMaths.

We had a fantastic surprise this week too! Ernest Shackleton's ship has been found! You can read more about it here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-60662541>

We had been learning about him in English through different text types and were so excited to pause our lessons to read about this event just hours after it was published. However, this week in English we have been writing brochures for our own theme parks and next week we will be designing our own shoes.






In celebrating International Women's Day, we learned about Cleopatra in History and continued to discuss Emmeline Pankhurst – our Powerful Person in History this term.



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

Our first times table competition of the term has come to an end. It restarted yesterday and I am looking to see a BIG improvement in engagement this week. Each week, year group classes go head-to-head whilst practicing their times tables. I cannot emphasise enough how important

it is that your children are proficient in their times tables: it is a life skill that will benefit them in day to day life and also frees up their working memory in in school to deal with new and more complex concepts in maths lessons in school.

Ahlberg 39 MVP: Taneisha & Sharvaree	 Butterworth 54 MVP: Miray, Shanaya & Sumaiya	Ahlberg 0 v 1 Butterworth
Benjamin 43 MVP: Aarna, Ariel & Gemma	 King-Smith 680 MVP: Andrew, Edvard & Sujal	Benjamin 0 v 1 King-Smith
Binch 70 MVP: Arjun, Theo & Summer	 Pullman 211 MVP: Sabin, Riley & Inesa	Binch 0 v 1 Pullman
 Hughes 240 MVP: Andriah, Hope & Salim	Morpurgo 4 MVP: Mariam, Eli & Osburn	Hughes 1 v 0 Morpurgo
 Horowitz 256 MVP: Samanvitha, Emmanuel & Joel	Lewis 251 MVP: Vidya & Aaron	Horowitz 1 v 0 Lewis

I will be looking out to see which classes have the best engagement. Remember, by the end of Year 4 all children should know all of their times tables and be able to answer recall questions within 6 seconds. Please practise using TTRockstars but also on your journeys to school. Miss Gundry 😊

Our current Rock Heroes, who will have a rock Hero Tea Party at the end of the year are as follows:

Alien 6L, Edi 5H, Wahaab 6H, Bryant 6H, Joel 6H, Emmanuel, 6H Muzammil 6H and Hope 4P.

And a new entry – Sujal in 3 King-Smith – CONGRATULATIONS!

If you see your name here and you haven't yet been given a 'Times Table Champion' badge, please see Miss Gundry.

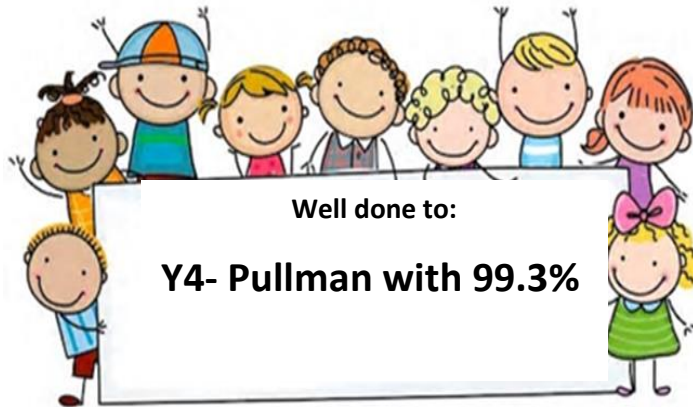
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
94.6%	92.1%	93.1%	92.2%	90.3%	93.7%	93.4%	95.4%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
92.3%	98.8%	90.9%	99.3%	92.7%	91.8%	97 %	95%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.7%

You have to be in it to win it! If you attend school every day you will automatically be put into our attendance raffle which will be drawn on a Friday afternoon. A winner from KS2, KS1 and Early Years will be selected and win a special prize. We are always looking for exciting prizes so if you have any new items which would make good attendance prizes please feel free to donate to the office.